Crimes committed by eunuchs in Delhi

1086. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Eunuch attack constable with rod in South Delhi" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the Eunuch by the Delhi Police;

(c) whether cases relating to murder, extortion, etc., by Eunuch have increased in the NCT of Delhi during the last one year; and

(d) if so, how many cases have been registered against Eunuchs and what action Delhi Police propose to take against Eunuch associations and anti-social elements to curb crimes in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the report contained in the news-item under reference is factually incorrect as no such incident took place.

(c) and (d) The number of crimes reported to have been committed by eunuchs during the period from 16th July, 2002 to 15th July, 2003 was 22 as against 16 reported during the preceding twelve months. The Police Stations throughout Delhi have standing instructions to keep a close watch on the activities of anti-social elements including of those amongst eunuchs and take appropriate action as per law.

Corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters

1087. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Report submitted by the Crisis Managing Group in the wake of Gujarat Earthquake, have suggested formation of a Rs. 500 crore corpus to deal with natural and man-made disasters; and

(b) if so, what are the other salient points of the Report and what modalities are to be adopted and mechanism established to implement the agreed suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The Working Group of the National Committee on Disaster Management set up after the Gujarat earthquake has recommended constitution of a National Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Preparedness Fund with an initial corpus of Rs. 500 crores.

(b) The other recommendations of the Working Group *inter alia* relate to constitutional and legal framework, organizational structure, institutional mechanisms, preparedness, quick response, prevention and mitigation including formulation of a disaster mitigation strategy and its integration with development plans. In the meantime, the Government have already taken several initiatives recommended by the Working Group. These initiatives include preparation of a National Disaster Management Framework covering institutional structures, disaster prevention and mitigation strategy, early warning systems, preparedness and human resource development; training capsules for inclusion in the post recruitment induction training of All India Services and Central Para-military Forces; development of specialized search and rescue teams, disaster management and response plans, etc.

Thefts in MPs flats

†1088. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of thefts in MP flats at South Avenue during the last six months;

(b) whether police has succeeded in unravelling these incidents, catch the thieves and recover the stolen property; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) During the period from 1st January to 15th July, 2003, four cases of theft/burglary were reported from South Avenue.

(b) and (c) While three of these cases are under investigation, the fourth case relating to theft of a motor-cycle has been sent as untraced as despite information having been flashed to the police throughout the country and detailing of informers, the stolen motor-cycle could not be recovered.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.